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WHAT SUHARTO IS DOING IN EAST TIMOR

STOP THE GENOCIDE

FRIDAY DEC 7-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDONESIA'S INVASION

VIGIL(11am-6pm) and RALLY(4pm-5.30pm)
GPO STEPS MARTIN PLACE

Organised by Campaign for Independent East Timor, 232 Castlereagh St., Sydney.

SUHARTO'S GENOCIDE

"(Indonesian Foreign Minister) Professor Mochtar said the East Timor situation may now be even worse than the Biafra and Kampuchean situations." --The Australian, November 3-4, 1979.

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Mochtar told the truth then. But now, the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra on November 8, claimed "only a few are with indications of starvation." (Canberra Times, November 9).

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) ,after being excluded from East Timor by the Suharto regime for nearly four years, last July inspected over 75,000 East Timorese in concentration camps.

They found 60,000 suffering from "alarming malnutrition", 20,000 "dying of hunger" in a"calamitous condition", and 5000 "in need" of specific medical treatment."

There are another 240,000 receiving minimal aid from American Catholic Relief Services.They are in the same condition -- ICRC for example did not visit Laga,where the horror photos were taken.

The 20,000 dying of hunger (out of 75,000 seen) are likely to die whatever aid they receive. Translated throughout the country, that means 80,000 are "dying of starvation" and likely to die no matter....

Sydney Morning Herald journalist Peter Rodgers conservatively estimates 100,000 have already died,although the figure may be as high as 300,000 dead.

That is, between one-in-six and one-in-two East Timorese have already died,and a further 80,000 are likely to die whatever is done. IS NOT THAT GENOCIDE ?

Peter Rodgers and the Herald cover-up for Suharto saying it was due to "violence and neglect" and "disruption" -- as though it was not the Indonesian invasion that led to "violence", and Suharto who prevented the Red Cross entering East Timor for nearly four years.

But Fraser and Peacock are also guilty-- they have backed Suharto's takeover of East Timor in the United Nations, send millions in military aid, refused to accept the genocide taking place, and only offered humanitarian aid when pressured by public opinion. US President Carter is guilty of supplying massive military aid to Suharto, and covering up his genocide.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ?

A report to the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA) last October said the International Red Cross program was "very limited in size,scope and duration" and was even more critical of the CRS operation.

But no matter how limited, the International Red Cross project must be supported. BUT TO DO THIS ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH.

THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION IS THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN TROOPS FROM EAST TIMOR.

The International Red Cross aid must be increased massively and many more aid personnel allowed in (only three Red Cross officials are working in East Timor --Suharto won't let more go in !)The ICRC must operate in all areas, including those under Fretilin.

Independent journalists and observers, including a UN fact-finding mission must be allowed free access. All military aid to Suharto must end until he pulls out of Timor.

We urge trade unions to reconsider putting bans on Indonesian ships, trade and communications in protest at the genocide.

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